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1. Between 17 and 21 February 1951, the barracks installation in Jena-Zwaetzen (N 51/J 61) quartered a tank unit the soldiers of which wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia; and an AAA unit the soldiers of which wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. Four garages in the billeting area were filled with tanks, most of which seemed to be T-34 tanks mounting guns of about 75 mm caliber; one tank seemed to be of a larger model. Each tank garage had a capacity of about eight tanks. An unidentified number of 37-mm AA guns was seen in the fifth garage and in the barracks yard. Motor vehicles _____

_____ were identified at the installation. Tank troops wearing black coveralls, commanded by a senior lieutenant, arrived at the installation from the billeting area in Jena-Loebstedt.

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2. Sentries in front of the Thueringische Ackerbauschule (agricultural school of Land Thuringia) wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Only one motor vehicle, _____ was observed there.

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3. The barracks installation in Jena-Loebstedt included one building housing a headquarters; another building quartering tank troopers; six more buildings, including some 2-story ones, quartering artillerymen; four garages sheltering tanks and SP guns; and four other garages containing AT guns. Some apartment houses at the installation were occupied by troops who wore blue-bordered black epaulets and, possibly, black-bordered black epaulets. The barracks installation was guarded by three sentries, one of whom wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, the second red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, and the third blue-

or black-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. A general riding in staff car _____ and a colonel in sedan _____ were repeatedly seen in the billeting area. Intensive training activity of artillery and tank troops was observed. Twelve tanks, apparently T-34 models, three SU-25

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SP guns and one SU-122 SP gun were identified. [redacted]

[redacted] AT guns with which troops were training were estimated at 50 and 75 mm caliber. Motor vehicles observed in the billeting area [redacted]

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4. The Polizei Kaserne was guarded by sentries who wore red-bordered black epaulets. The lights in the installation at dusk indicated that all but one building was occupied to capacity. There was no vehicular traffic during the period of observation. **
5. The Soviet city kommandatura, bearing a signboard reading Voenmoya Komendatura, was located near the agricultural school of Land Thuringia, Jena-Loebstedt, east of Highway No 88. Neither sentries nor traffic of military personnel were observed. Truck [redacted] was parked in front of the building. ***
6. The tank training area, called Der Landgraf, is located north of the city of Jena. Five tanks, [redacted] were seen en route to the training area. They were followed by trucks [redacted] each carrying 30 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets.

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* [redacted] Comment. The three installations, which are situated close to each other, are believed to quarter major component units of the 20th Gds Mecz Div.

[redacted] The information contained in the present report, including the data on heavy weapons observed, vaguely indicates that the three installations may quarter the Hq 20th Gds Mecz Div, the division's 66th Gds Mecz Regt, the division's unidentified guards tank regiment and guards AAA regiment and, probably, a signal unit. [redacted]

[redacted], the general reportedly observed in the installation in Jena-Loebstedt belonged to the Command Echelon Eighth Gds Army. All other motor vehicle [redacted] belonged almost exclusively to the 20th Gds Mecz Div.

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** [redacted] Comment. The information does not corroborate a conclusion from [redacted] that a signal unit moved into the Polizei Kaserne.

*** [redacted] Comment. The city kommandatura of Jena was [redacted] located in the former finance office at the Saale Railroad Station. The kommandatura mentioned in the present report was reported [redacted] seems to be the kommandatura with jurisdiction over the Loebstedt city sector.

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